

Amendment to the Claims

Please cancel claim 2, and amend claims 1, 4, 5, 7-9, 13 and 14 as shown in the following listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and
5 listings, of claims in the application.

1 1. (currently amended) A method for activating a desired communication
2 mode of an ID communication partner device from a group of possible
3 communication modes, which group comprises at least a first mode and a second
4 mode,
5 wherein the ID communication partner device and at least one other ID
6 communication partner device are brought into a communication connection and
7 wherein a carrier signal is output by the at least one other ID
8 communication partner device, which carrier signal is received by the ID
9 communication partner device, and
10 wherein the carrier signal is repeatedly designated by at least one mode
11 activation signal by ~~means of~~ the at least one other ID communication partner
12 device, and
13 wherein the presence of the mode activation signal is recognized by the ID
14 communication partner device, giving a recognition result signal, and
15 wherein, as a function of the recognition result signal, the desired
16 communication mode of the ID communication partner device is activated, the
17 desired communication mode being either a Reader Talks First (RTF) mode or a
18 Tag Talks First (TTF) mode, the ID communication partner device being
19 configured to operate in the RTF mode and the TTF mode.

1 2. (canceled).

1 3. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at
2 least one mode activation signal is formed by at least one sinusoidal signal and the
3 carrier signal is designated by a modulation using the at least one sinusoidal
4 signal.

1 4. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the mode
2 activation signal is recognized by ~~a demodulation by means of~~ correlation.

1 5. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the mode
2 activation signal is recognized by filtering out ~~this~~ the sinusoidal signal.

1 6. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
2 carrier signal is designated only at predefined time intervals.

1 7. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a
2 recognition of ~~the~~ a communication status is carried out and wherein the repeated
3 designation of the carrier signal by the mode activation signal is carried out as a
4 function of the communication status.

1 8. (currently amended) An integrated circuit for an ID communication
2 partner device designed as a communication station, which integrated circuit
3 comprises the following means:
4 output means ~~for (for~~ outputting a carrier signal, signals, which carrier
5 signal can be received by ~~an~~ another ID communication partner device, ~~and~~
6 generation means for generating at least one mode activation signal, and
7 designation means for repeatedly designating the carrier signal with
8 ~~means, by means of which the carrier signal can be repeatedly designated by the~~ at
9 least one mode activation signal, the at least one mode activation signal being
10 configured to be recognized by the another ID communication partner device to
11 initiate a Reader Talks First (RTF) mode or a Tag Talks First (TTF) mode, the
12 another ID communication partner device being configured to operate in the RTF
13 mode and the TTF mode.

1 9. (currently amended) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 8,
2 wherein the generation means are designed to form the at least one mode
3 activation signal using ~~by means of~~ at least one sinusoidal signal, and
4 wherein the designation means are designed to designate the carrier signal
5 with the at least one sinusoidal signal using ~~by means of~~ a modulation.

1 10. (previously presented) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 8,
2 wherein the designation means are designed to designate the carrier signal only at
3 predefined time intervals.

1 11. (previously presented) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 8,
2 wherein communication status recognition means are also provided, by
3 means of which a communication status of the ID communication partner device
4 can be recognized, and
5 wherein the designation means are designed to repeatedly designate the
6 carrier signal by the mode activation signal as a function of the communication
7 status.

1 12. (previously presented) An ID communication partner device, which is
2 designed as a communication station and which is provided with an integrated
3 circuit as claimed in claim 8.

1 13. (currently amended) An integrated circuit for an ID communication
2 partner device designed as a data carrier, which integrated circuit comprises the
3 following means:
4 activation means for activating a desired communication mode of the ID
5 communication partner device from a group of possible communication modes,
6 the desired communication mode being either a Reader Talks First (RTF) mode or
7 a Tag Talks First (TTF) mode, the activation means being configured to switch
8 between the RTF mode and the TTF mode, and
9 storage means for storing mode control data of the group of possible
10 communication modes, which group comprises at least a first mode and a second
11 mode, ~~and~~
12 reception means for receiving a carrier signal that is output by another ~~an~~
13 ID communication partner device and is designated with a mode activation signal,
14 and
15 recognition means for recognizing the presence of the at least one mode
16 activation signal, by means of which recognition means a recognition result signal
17 can be generated, as a function of which recognition result signal the activation of

18 the desired communication mode of the ID communication partner device can be
19 activated by the activation means.

1 14. (currently amended) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 13, wherein
2 the recognition means are designed to carry out the recognition of the presence of
3 the at least one mode activation signal by a demodulation using ~~by means of~~
4 correlation.

1 15. (previously presented) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 13,
2 wherein the recognition means are designed to recognize the presence of the at
3 least one mode activation signal by filtering out this signal.

1 16. (previously presented) An ID communication partner device, which is
2 designed as a data carrier and which is provided with an integrated circuit as
3 claimed in claim 13